

Isaiah 64:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.' Paul quotes this in 1 Corinthians 2:9 regarding the Spirit's revelation. No eye has seen, no ear heard what God prepares for those who wait. The Hebrew 'chakah' (wait) implies patient expectation.

Historical Context

This verse became foundational for Christian hope. Paul applies it to the spiritual blessings revealed through the Spirit that exceed natural comprehension.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What has God 'prepared for you' that exceeds your imagination?
2. How does patient waiting position you to receive what God prepares?

Interlinear Text

וּמֵעוֹלָם	לֹא	שָׁמְעוּ	לֹא
For since the beginning of the world	H3808	men have not heard	H3808
H5769		H8085	
הָאָז יֵנוּ	עַיִן	לֹא	רָאָה
nor perceived by the ear	neither hath the eye	H3808	seen
H238	H5869	H7200	H430
זוֹלָתְךָ	יַעֲשֶׂה	לְמַחֲכָה	לוֹ:
beside	thee what he hath prepared	for him that waiteth	H0
H2108	H6213	H2442	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 31:19 (Parallel theme): Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Isaiah 25:9 (References God): And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

James 5:7 (Parallel theme): Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Psalms 130:5 (Parallel theme): I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

Genesis 49:18 (Parallel theme): I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

Hebrews 11:16 (References God): But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Isaiah 30:18 (References God): And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

John 14:3 (Parallel theme): And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

1 Timothy 3:16 (References God): And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Psalms 62:1 (References God): Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

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